and agreements with various international trading companies including those from Europe for import of goods from abroad and export of Indian goods.

It will not be incommercial interest of the Corporation to disclose details in this regard.

External debt

778. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: WiH the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) what is India's latest external debt position;

(b) whether in view of India's sluggish export growth Government are capable of servicing the external debt; and

(c) what steps are being taken to increase (he growth rate of the country's exports and to imrove the balance of payments position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The estimated external indebtedness of the country as on 31-3-1986 works out to Rs. 26718.42 crores in respect of Government loans, Rs. 751.49 crores in respect *ot* non-Government loans. Further approvals of external commercial borrowings and suppliers credit from 1980-81 to 1985-86 amounting to Rs. 884-1 crores have been given. However the external debt on this account will be spread over a number of years in future as and when loans ar$_e$ actually drawn' utilised. In addition India has outstanding repurchase obligations of Rs. 6248 crores on drawings made under the facilities of the IMF.

(b) Government have been following a cautious policy of external borrowigns. Th$_e$ overall external debt position at the moment is within prudent limits. The levels of country's indebtedness and the likely burden of debt servicing are being constantly kept in review to ensure that they remain within manageable lim: The Indian economy has the capacity to cope with the present level ot external debt.

(c) The Government 'nave taken a number of measures to strengthen export performance in the short and medium term. These include liberalisation and simplification of duty free import for export production, the announcement of a three year import-export policy, incentives for export production, the substantial enhancement in tax concessions for exports, liberalised preshipment credit facilities for export etc. Steps have also been taken, to ensure efficient import constitution. A Cabinet Committee on exports headed by the, Prime Minister has been set up to deal with all policy matters and other problems of export. Similarly, a Committee *ot* Secretaries has been constituted with Cabinet Secretary a$_s$ the Chairman.

Agreement Between India and France for the transfer of Super Technology to India

779. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether an agreement has been reached with the Government of France for the transfer of Super Technology to India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Doe$_s$ not arise.

Sho'w cause "notices issued imder Employment. Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies Act, 1959)

780. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state: